

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 875

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Grady R. Haynes of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Grady Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Rutherford County, Grady Haynes was a highly respected member of the Murfreesboro community; and

WHEREAS, two years after graduating from Central High School in 1937, Mr. Haynes was employed at Ragland-Potter Inc. as a truck driver, salesman, and general sales manager; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Grady Haynes answered his patriotic duty by admirably serving in the U.S. Air Force as a B-29 Gunnery Instructor and was stationed in France as a member of the Army of Occupations; and

WHEREAS, Grady Haynes returned from his honorable tenure in the service in 1946 and promptly helped organize his first business, Haynes Bros. Candy Co., a wholesale

distributor of candy, health and beauty aids, and school supplies; he served as a managing partner for the company until 1951, when he helped organize Haynes Bros. Lumber Co.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes served with acumen and alacrity as the managing partner of both Haynes Bros. Candy Co. and Haynes Bros. Lumber Co., in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from active management of his lumber company in 1996, Grady Haynes became a consultant for the company, having served with distinction as the president of the Tennessee Building Materials Association and the National Lumber Dealers Association; in these positions he was called on to represent the lumber industry on many legislative matters being considered by Congress and other matters affecting the whole building material industry; and

WHEREAS, he also served with probity on many lumber dealer advisory boards of major manufacturing concerns, such as the Weyerhaeuser Company, the Georgia Pacific Lumber Company, the Pease Company, and the Builder Marts of America; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Mr. Haynes was actively involved in several professional and community organizations, including the Murfreesboro Rotary Club, the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce, and the MTSU Blue Raider Club, rendering astute service as the president of these clubs; and

WHEREAS, Grady Haynes exemplified the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Chamber of Commerce presented its first annual Business Legend Award to Grady Haynes, in recognition for his many contributions to the growth and development of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County; Mr. Haynes also had the distinction of the chamber's Small Business Center being named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, loving the Lord and endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Mr. Haynes was an active and devout member of the Bellwood Church of Christ, where he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Grady Haynes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of nearly 60 years, Ruth, and was the proud parent of Marlene Luffman, a first grade schoolteacher; Larry, a commissioner of General Services for the State of Tennessee; and Terry, who serves as CEO of Haynes Bros. Lumber Co.; and

WHEREAS, Grady Haynes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Grady R. Haynes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the friends and family of Grady Haynes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.